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Director of Central Intelligence
Security Committee
Computer Security Subcommittee

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1. The One Hundred and Thirty-Fifth meeting of the Computer Security Subcommittee was held on 4 December 1980 at [redacted] McLean, VA. The meeting was convened at 0930, and attending were:

STAT [redacted] Chairman
STAT [redacted] Executive Secretary
STAT [redacted] CIA
[redacted] CIA Alternate
STAT [redacted] CIA (observer)
STAT [redacted], DIA Alternate
[redacted] NSA Alternate
Mr. Robert Graytock, Dept. of Justice
Mr. Lynn Culkowski, Air Force
Mr. Carl Martz, Navy
Mr. James Studer, Army
Mr. Lynn McNulty, Dept. of State

2. The minutes of the previous meeting (2 October 1980) were reviewed and accepted. There was a correction to Item 6, the dates for the Army Automation Security Workshop should have been 8 - 10 December 1980.

3. There was a continutation of the discussion on the rewrite of DCID 1/16; whether the approach should be top-down, bottom-up, or something else. Mr. Studer reviewed for the Subcommittee the approach taken in NSA/CSS Manual 90-4, from which the present DCID drafts are largely derived. He pointed out that the NSA document is essentially directed toward threat definition and risk managment, and that the rewrite team is thus working on implementation detail independent of any consideration of policy statements. His opinion was that the Subcommittee needs to address the problem of modifying the policy structure, especially to allow for the added operational flexibility needed by the military.

4. The issue of the effect of the DCID on the military led to detailed discussion on the specific kinds of capabiltiies required by military commanders for dealing with rapidly changing world-wide and local conditions. This, in turn, led to the question of the extent to which the DCID could change still more basic policy statements (i.e., APEX and DoD Directive 5200.1R) in attempting to satisfy the perceived need for flexibility.

STAT 5. [redacted] reviewed the advantages of the present (bottom-up) approach, basically:

a. Do the basic "homework" required, upon which the policy can be defined; that is, until the specific capabilities achievable via presently available technology can be identified, then broad policy statements cannot be made.

b. Add to the present DCID the detailed implementation guidance not now in the present DCID.

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He did agree, however, that the front-end policy work needed to be addressed by the Subcommittee.

STAT 6. There was a review of the status of the [ ] discussions; [ ] stated that an NSA/CIA meeting was scheduled for 11 December 1980 to discuss several candidate applications. DIA reported that they have reviewed their
STAT potential applications, and have determined that they have no [ ] requirements at the present time.

7. The next meeting was scheduled for 0930, 22 January 1981, at the
STAT [ ] McLean, VA.

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Executive Secretary

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